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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)	
Myers, Michael Tolbert <i>et al</i>)	
Serial No. 10/821,767)	Group Art Unit: 2856
Filed: April 9, 2004)	Examiner: Saint Surin, Jacques M
APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR)	17 July 2006
ACCOUSTICALLY DETERMINING FLUID)	
PROPERTIES WHILE SAMPLING)	
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Commissioner for Patents		
P.O. Box 1450		
Arlington, Virginia 22313-1450		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The present Preliminary Amendment accompanies a request for continued examination, filed following a Final Office Action mailed 21 April 2006. At the time the Final Office Action issued, claims 1 to 15, 17 to 30, and 34 to 63 were pending. The present amendment is fully responsive to every ground of objection and rejection raised in the Final Office Action.

Should the present response incur any fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to our Deposit Account 19-1800 (or to credit this account for refunding any amount in excess of requirements).